

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 2481.1337-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re A | Application of: |) | E R |
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| Mathias GEHRMANN et al. | |) Group Art Unit: 1644 | MAR 1 2 TECH CENTER |
| Application No.: 08/989,896 | |)) Examiner: D. Saunders | 1 2 |
| Filed: | December 12, 1997 |) | 2003 1600/2900 |
| For: | Fusion Proteins for Prodrug Activation |))) | 900 |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 15, 2002. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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